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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2714**  
Makoto KOMATSU et al. : Docket No. 2003-0950A  
Serial No. 10/617,025 : Group Art Unit 1711  
Filed July 11, 2003 : Examiner Olga Asinovsky  
SOLID REAGENTS : **Mail Stop Amendment**

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 17, 2004, constituting a restriction requirement among (I) claims 1-7 and 12-21, (II) claims 8-9 and 22-27, and (III) claims 10-11 and 28-33, Applicants hereby claims 1-7 and 12-21, with traverse. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 8-11 and 22-33.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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